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From: Joseph Incardine
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Thanks Allysia. Looks like we need to plan for a plan amendment on the Monument...

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> On Mar 9, 2017, at 10:43 AM, Angus, Allysia <aangus@blm.gov> wrote:

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> Cindy,

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> I just reviewed the VRM Final Study Report provided by Maria at Galileo on
> a thumbdrive (much appreciated and easy to work with).

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> According to this document the following locations are noted as not meeting
> VRM objectives:

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> KOP 13 - Pipeline east along Highway 89 near Toadstools Trailhead (GSEMN)

> KOP 14 - Pipeline West of Toadstools Trailhead (GSENM)

> KOP 20 - HS-1 from Highway 89 (GSENM)

> KOP 28 - Pipeline Kanab Creek {Kanab Creek ACEC} (AZ Strip FO)

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> I have attached the pages from the report that detail this information,
> including the visual contrasting rating sheets.

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> Regarding BPS-3 (Alt) on KFO, it appears that the VRM Class objective was
> changed (I'm assuming in the last RMP revision) from Class 3 to Class 4.
> So there is a sliver of Class 4 between the GSENM boundary and the SITLA
> parcel that is now VRM Class 4 where BPS-3 (Alt) is situated.

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> Also of note as the EIS is being prepared, the cumulative effects section
> of this study report seems to focus primarily on the St George portions of
> the project. (b)(5) DPP

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>> On Wed, Mar 8, 2017 at 9:43 AM, Incardine, Joseph <jincardi@blm.gov> wrote:

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>> Thanks all for your help with our nailing this down. I'm working with the
>> State's first party contractor, Stantec, who I'm providing this information
>> to...
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>> Thanks, Joe
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>>> On Tue, Mar 7, 2017 at 3:49 PM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov> wrote:
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>>> Allysia:
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>>> We are trying to finalize the discussion on the possibility of needing
>>> Plan Amendments due to the need to change VRM class for LPP alternatives.
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>>> The Kanab Field Office and the St. George Field Office have both looked
>>> at the materials provided in the PLP and determined that NO Plan Amendments
>>> will be needed, including any for VRM reasons.
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>>> From your chart attached, (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]
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>>> Have you found any more additional discussion in the current, revised
>>> materials or in your discussions during the field tour, to indicate that
>>> that the suggested mitigations are included to avoid the need for a
>>> possible plan amendment?
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>>>> On Thu, Dec 8, 2016 at 2:59 PM, Angus, Allysia <aangus@blm.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Hi Cindy et al.
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>>>> Attached please find my best attempt to document which sites could
>>>> warrant plan amendments related to VRM classifications on BLM lands for the

>>>> LPP. I have consulted with SGFO regarding the sites on their land base
>>>> because I found it very challenging to understand which VRM class many of
>>>> the developments were located on. In that consultation I also learned that
>>>> their RMP allows for "flexibility" when applying VRM objectives and that is
>>>> noted at the bottom of the chart.
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>>>> Two locations are of definite concern (coded orange on chart):
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>>>> 1. BPS-4 (Alt) on 5+ acres of KFO is in a VRM III area. It is also
>>>> the site the FO is attempting to have shifted to adjacent SITLA land.
>>>> (Revised visualization is not included in revised study plan)
>>>> 2. HS-1 4+ acres on GSENM is also a VRM III area. (Visualization is
>>>> attached)
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>>>> Both of these developments are noted in the VRM study report as needing "**extraordinary
>>>> mitigation measures" not yet defined in the proposed action in order
>>>> to meet objectives due to the scale, size and proximity to the highway.
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>>>> I've also flagged three additional developments/locations (b)(5)
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>>>> 1. The Glen Canyon to Buckskin new 230 kV transmission line that
>>>> would run partially through VRM II on GSENM.
>>>> 2. The pipeline alignment near the Toadstools Trailhead.
>>>> 3. The pipeline alignment and necessary rock removal through the
>>>> Cockscomb.
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>>>> (b)(5) DPP

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>>>> As to BMPs - I provided an extensive list of these to be incorporated as
>>>> well as suggested edits to what was included when we reviewed the Draft
>>>> PLP. As I am not sure if I have seen the most current version of the
>>>> proposed action, I am not confident they have been adopted. They were not
>>>> incorporated into the 11.30.2015 version that I could find on the ftp
>>>> site. I would like to suggest that the BMPs become requirements for
>>>> construction. FERC has a term for these - something along the lines of our
>>>> terms and conditions. BMPs can be ignored when it comes time for
>>>> construction but conditions can't.
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>>>> This is may be off topic and not appropriate for tomorrow's discussion
>>>> but another thing came up in conversation with the FERC recreation lead on
>>>> our field visit in September. It is the idea that we can include
>>>> mitigation such as recreational developments into these type projects. I
>>>> think we should consider including a bike path that runs at least from Page
>>>> to Kanab (Lora's suggestion) and improvements to any other recreational
>>>> amenities in the vicinity (we could devise a list).
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>>>> Please let me know if you have question prior to our call tomorrow.
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>>>> On Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 5:39 PM, Staszak, Cynthia <cstaszak@blm.gov>
>>>> wrote:
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>>>> We now have a 9:30-10:30 pre LPP call with BLM only at a different #:
>>>> (b) (5), (b) (6) code: (b) (5), (b) (6)
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>>>> During this call, we will discuss our BLM strategy/input for the 3
>>>> topics:
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>>>> 1. KFO proposal to move the pump station off of BLM land
>>>> 2. St. George FO plan amendment requirements due to VRM
>>>> 3. GSENM plan amendment requirements due to VRM
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>>>> Amber & Allysia....I am looking to you to take the lead in the GSENM
>>>> discussion. From your review of the LPP proposal that went to FERC from
>>>> UDWR, are we going to need to amend the GSENM management plan for VRM
>>>> class? If so, is there anything that can be integrated into the LPP
>>>> proposal to avoid having to do a plan amendment? Is there any mitigation
>>>> measures not already articulated that would keep the proposal within the
>>>> VRM management class?
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>>>> ----- Forwarded message -----
>>>> From: Foley, Mark <mfoley@blm.gov>
>>>> Date: Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 2:33 PM
>>>> Subject: Re: Lake Powell Pipeline project- Meeting this Friday
>>>> To: Joseph Incardine <jincardi@blm.gov>
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>>>> Joe asked about a 2920 lease instead of a 2800 right-of-way. The 43 CFR
>>>> 2920 regulations are written loosely to allow BLM to authorized certain

>>>> facilities which are not specifically authorized under other laws -
 >>>> including uses not included under FLPMA Title V, as long as they are not
 >>>> specifically forbidden by other law.

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>>>> However, FLPMA Sec. 501(a)(1) specifically lists pipelines and other
 >>>> facilities and systems for the storage and transportation or distribution
 >>>> of water, which seems to be most appropriate for the Lake Powell Pipeline
 >>>> proposal. Plus, I'm not sure what we'd gain by authorizing an ancillary
 >>>> facility under a 2920 lease instead of a 2800 right-of-way.

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>>>> One additional question for BLM to consider is rent for the pipeline.

>>>> As I've mentioned before, (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

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>>>> This was a fairly recent amendment to the regulations, and has meant
 >>>> rent is now due for organizations such as Water Conservancy Districts, even
 >>>> though they are considered a subset of local government.

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>>>> I hope that information is useful. Regards. Mark

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>>>> On Wed, Dec 7, 2016 at 12:42 PM, Joseph Incardine <jincardi@blm.gov>
 >>>> wrote:

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>>>>> Hi, Harry, thanks much for the email. (b)(5) DPP [REDACTED]

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>>>>> Also, I've seen
 >>>>> these very large ancillary facilities (don't have the dimensions handy
 >>>>> but they can tell us that Friday Morning), but I've seen them
 >>>>> authorized under a 2920 LEASE, instead of a ROW - Mark, please weigh
 >>>>> in on that.

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>>>>> So it sounds like Kanab FO is willing to entertain a land exchange. As
 >>>>> you know, they can take upwards of several years to administratively
 >>>>> conduct an exchange, unless it of course had associated special
 >>>>> legislation enacted.

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>>>>> Let's have an internal conference call number at 9:30 am Friday to
 >>>>> discuss BLM's strategy for a half hour: (b) (5), (b) (6) ; (b) (5), (b) (6)

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>>>>> Thanks, Joe

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>>>>>> On Dec 7, 2016, at 9:42 AM, Barber, Harry <hbarber@blm.gov> wrote:

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>>>>>> Joe,

>>>>>> thanks for arranging the meeting Friday. I thought I would take a
 >>>>>> moment and send you my thoughts on where the KFO stands in regards to the
 >>>>>> pumping station. The station is proposed to be located on a very small

>>>>> piece of BLM land adjacent to a very large State block. Having the station
>>>>> on us ties up time for several of our employees who would just as soon be
>>>>> relieved of this workload and allowed to work on items that are a higher
>>>>> priority for our office. It seems reasonable to consider moving the
>>>>> station a short distance to the east to keep it on State lands. I
>>>>> understand the State is planning on a solar farm being placed on the State
>>>>> block but it would appear that there is enough room to maintain the solar
>>>>> farm and place the station there. Do you have dimensions for the station?
>>>>> We have come up with two alternatives to the current proposed placement:
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>>>>> We look forward to discussing this with you in a pre meeting on
>>>>> Friday and later in the larger meeting. I will be staying back in Kanab
>>>>> and calling in but our assistant Manager, Whit Bunting, will be there in
>>>>> person at the meeting helping to represent us.
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>>>>> mandate -- to protect the myriad historic and scientific resources in the

>>>> Monument. To meet this objective, the Monument will be managed
 >>>> according to two basic principles. First and foremost, the Monument
 >>>> will remain protected in its primitive, frontier state. Second, the
 >>>> Monument will provide opportunities for the study of scientific and
 >>>> historic resources.

>>>> *(GSENM Management Plan - 2000)*

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